

WILL FIGHT THE BILL

Republicans Preparing to Show Up the Wilson Tariff

DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE

The bill will be introduced Wednesday and an effort made to pass it by March.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The tariff bill, from present appearances, will be reported to the house December 13, the purpose of the measure is to press consideration of the measure as rapidly as possible. General debate will begin December 18. This will give five days for consideration before the holiday recess. Some of the democratic leaders think the bill ought to pass the house after three weeks' debate. If this program be followed, the bill will go to the senate not later than January 20. The democratic leaders think the business interests of the country demand a speedy settlement of the tariff question. They believe that many industries that are now idle will resume work early in the spring if the bill passes both houses of congress and reaches the president early in March. There is no disposition on their part, they say, to "gag" the majority or to restrict debate. If the republicans insist upon longer time being given, to them their wishes will not doubt prevail within reasonable limits. The republicans are not, it seems, influenced by these considerations. They say that the business men of the country have a very fair understanding of what the new law will be, and that they are already adjusting their affairs in harmony with it. They will ask that three weeks be allowed for general debate and a fortnight at least for a consideration of the measure under the five-minute rule.

Amendments Will Be Offered. They purpose offering amendments freely when the important schedules are up and will take it all if this privilege be not accorded them. They cannot, they say, expose the inconsistencies of the bill and point out their effect on the business interests of the country in less than five or six weeks. They are willing to lengthen the hours of each executive day if time can be saved by such a course, but they will insist vehemently upon the fullest discussion of the bill. The ways and means committee has been the storm center today around which the representatives of a number of protected interests have gathered. The corridor, of which the committee room is situated, was filled with people who clamored in vain for admission. The democratic members of the committee sat within behind closed doors. As the members returned out from time to time they were greeted by such a profusion of protests against certain of the proposed changes were forced into their hands if indeed they were not compelled to listen to an impromptu argument poured into their unwilling ears before their return.

Committee Revising the Bill. Mr. Breckinridge said the committee would consider any arguments that might be made in writing as a matter of courtesy and justice. The committee is still devoting a number of hours a day to a careful review of the bill. The purpose is to remove inconsistencies, to establish proper relations in the rates between raw materials and the finished products, to simplify classifications and put definitions in legal and precise language.

The air about the committee room was filled with rumors today of important changes to be made in the bill. It was said that the metal schedule for example would be greatly modified, a number of important items. The story was denied by the committee as without foundation. If the bill is to be materially changed it will be in the house, but for the present at least, the committee propose to report it, so far as rates are concerned, in substantially the form it was given to the public.

FEDERAL ELECTION BILL

Will Try and Pass It Through the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—In the senate today the reporter of the government directors of the Union Pacific railway and the Northern Maritime company were read and referred.

Mr. Merrill offered a resolution referring to the committee on finance all parts of the president's message relating to the tariff, internal revenue and income tax, together with that relating to those who it is said, after a hard struggle for tariff reform, are solemnly pledged to it, and he gave notice that on Wednesday next he would submit some remarks thereon.

Mr. Hill gave notice that on Monday next, immediately after the morning business, he would move to take up for consideration the bill for the repeal of the federal election laws. He should say, he said, that the committee had reported from the judiciary committee. In the same connection Mr. Hill gave notice that he would move to refer the bill to the committee on privileges and elections and he said the bill, as reported from the judiciary committee, had gone through the senate and the approval of any of the republican members of that committee. On motion of Mr. Manderson the senate bill to reimburse the state of Nebraska for expenses incurred in repelling a threatened invasion was passed.

Mr. Jones offered a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for a statement of the amount of money paid from any source, in each year since 1870 to the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York as compensation for examining titles to land and as compensation in prize cases, and as to the authority for such payments. After a brief discussion and explanation the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Voorhees' joint resolution, authorizing the secretary of war to grant permission for the use of the grounds in the monument reservation and other public reservations in the possession of the War Department, was passed.

LOOTED THE VAULT

Bold Robbers Tapped the South Bend National Bank.

SECURE \$15,900 AND ESCAPE

The Job is Said to Have Been Engineered by a Gang of Experienced Criminals.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 7.—The bold robbery in the annals of crime in Indiana was committed today about noon, the victim being the South Bend National bank, one of the leading banking concerns in the state. The amount taken was \$15,900. No clue to the identity of the robbers has yet come to light and they seem to have made their escape. From the manner in which the details of the theft was carried out, it is certain that it was engineered by a gang of experienced criminals who have for some time been shadowing the bank and its officers and had become thoroughly conversant with their business habits. Shortly after noon today, while Cashier Campbell was absent at dinner, Assistant Cashier Kelly was called to the front door by a man who said he wanted to see him on some business. Just about this time a man approached the bank building on the north and effected an entrance to the directors' room, prying open the window sash with a steel chisel. He then forced a heavy oak door and was immediately in front of the vault.

Robbers in the Vault. The outer vault door had been closed by Cashier Campbell. This vault, it is said, is the most secure in the state. The robbers, however, failed to work and before the outer door could be opened the vault was closed. The counter tray containing between \$3,000 and \$4,000, in the shape of a pile of \$14,000 in gold and many thousands in greenbacks was arranged on shelves. The prime idea seemed to be to take as much as possible of the money in sight without arousing suspicion before the robbers had had plenty of time to make good their escape. For this reason the counter tray, with its loose thousands, was untouched. The robbers, however, carried off the safe, from which they took \$1,000 in yellow coin, about all he could carry and \$11,900 in bills. No silver coin was touched. The vault was then closed and the robbers made his escape by means of a back door before Assistant Cashier Kelly had again passed through the building. The robbers were not missed until some time after Cashier Campbell returned from dinner and then information of the theft was suppressed for some time in the hope that some clue to the robbers might be discovered.

COUGHIN'S TRIAL

Yesterday Confronted by Attorneys in Opening the Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The trial of Daniel Coughlin for complicity in the murder of Dr. Cronin, is going forward rapidly, much progress being recorded today. Prosecuting Attorney Scanlan finished his opening address for the state about noon and Daniel Donahoe occupied the afternoon in setting forth the defense. He contended that the defendant, Judge Wing, also for the defense, will begin his argument at the opening of court in the morning.

Mrs. Coughlin, clad in black and wearing a thin veil, was in court this morning when her husband's case began. On either side of her sat a number of ladies, all of whom were in mourning. Coughlin, however, had his back to the crowd and was intent upon the words and actions of the lawyers.

CUT RATE WAR

Erie Road Preparing to Make Further Reductions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The merry rate war in east bound freight rates was revived today with increased vigor. No new tariffs were issued and none of the roads admitted to going forward rapidly. Just as soon as it works this accumulated business off, it will issue fresh tariffs at the lowest rates it can prove any of its competitors are making. The events of today show that the demoralization is in deep rooted and that little hope now exists that the general managers will be able to agree on any plan at their meeting next Wednesday that will put an end to it. The roads seem to desire war rather than peace, and while that disposition continues there is little hope of settlement of the difficulties.

AWARDED HER \$5,000

Mother of a Lynched Italian Secured a Verdict.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The sealed verdict returned yesterday evening in the Abbagnano case was opened this morning in the presence of Judge Fourman. The verdict is in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,000. The original suit was for \$20,000. There are six more cases and they will be tried in succession beginning on the 18th. Similar verdicts will probably be rendered in each case, as it was agreed this morning that the same jury should try such cases. There will be no appeal from the verdict just rendered. These suits were brought as a result of the Italian lynchings.

TO SACK CHICAGO

A Crank Wants 10,000 Men to Help Suppress Crime.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Ten thousand men, well mounted and armed to the teeth, are called upon to meet on the lake front at daybreak on the morning of December 12 and proceed against the city of Chicago. The persons in the form of a circular issued by a man living in Winnetka, Illinois, who proposes to lead the host he is recruiting on a crusade against crime and inefficient municipal government. One of the circulars got into the hands of the police today and the angry man was arrested. No details have been received yet.

AN ENGINE BLOW UP

Rooster, Dec. 8, 1 a. m.—A railroad wreck is reported at Indianapolis on the Fitchburg road at midnight and that the engine blew up. No details have been received yet.

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Defense Made on the Basis of Wagner's Reputation for Veracity.

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WON HER LOVER

CEDAR SPRING, Mich., Dec. 7.—George Grover came to Sand Lake yesterday from Fairmont, N. D., and reports that Jessie Shick reached her destination in safety and that a very pleasant wedding took place there on Thanksgiving day, when Bert Grover and Jessie Shick were bound together by the bond of matrimony. Bert has rented a farm for next summer and will stay in Dakota.

WANTS \$10,000 FOR SLANDER

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Mary H. Frost, an employee of W. H. Jennings & Co., a local dealer, has brought suit for slander in the sum of \$10,000 against George R. Hoyt, president of the Hoyt Dry Goods company. The allegation is that she went to Hoyt's store to price goods and Mr. Hoyt called her a spy and tool of Jennings, which she says has damaged her reputation.

Blew Open the Safe

BLIMFIELD, Mich., Dec. 7.—The saloon of E. Plunkett was broken into and the safe broken open last night, but no money was obtained. The handsome interior was badly wrecked.

Gold Discovered at Bentley

RHODES, Mich., Dec. 7.—The citizens of Rhodes and Gladwin county generally are greatly excited over the discovery of a geologist, who has been examining an examination of the land in Bentley township. Gold in small quantities has been found on several farms, and the geologist believes there is a rich vein in the vicinity of this town.

Ice Bound Vessels Released

ST. JOHNS, Mich., Dec. 7.—The ice crusher Algonquin, after releasing several craft which had been frozen up in Green Bay, left this morning for Gladwin to break a way for several other steamers which loaded full cargoes of flour at this point and then were frozen in.

Michigan Postmasters

ALFRED McCollum, vice M. L. Baker, removed, Carleton, Montcalm county; L. H. McMullen, vice F. L. Baker, resigned,